



Fulham
Horticultural Society

Handbook 2018

Autumn Show
September 8th 2018

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Diary of Events 2018

May 6th

Rogation Sunday

There will be a service of blessing at the allotments in Bishop's Avenue at 3pm followed by tea in the All Saints vicarage garden.

Saturday September 8th

FHS Autumn Show

Saturday November 17th at 12pm

FHS Prize Giving and

FHS Annual General Meeting

Committee Meetings

All Committee Meetings at 8pm.

St. Etheldreda's Church Hall

Wednesday 4th July

Wednesday 29th August

Wednesday 17th October

Message from Mr Eddie Robinson, Chair:

Dear Members

I wish to thank all those who made the Autumn Show such a success. The number of entrants were up resulting in more entries than ever and in response to popular demand, the committee have added new classes. Also we are expanding on the Domestic Classes. In 2018, we will have one show again, in the Autumn.

Information is provided in not only the Handbook but also the website and the monthly newsletters. So you have no excuses keeping up to date and if there are any queries, just ask. So please ask your friends and neighbours to join up. Membership fees are £6 Single, £9 Couples and £4 Seniors. Enquiries to fulhamhs@gmail.com.

It was with much sadness to hear that our Honorary Lifetime President, Arthur Wicks, died in November last. A committee member for many years, he then served as Honorary Secretary for over 10 years before becoming Vice President, President then Honorary Lifetime President. An example to us all, he was always immaculately dressed and this reflected on his high standards of showing of vegetables from his allotment and flowers from his St Olaf's Road home. He will be remembered for his brilliant displays of dahlias and geraniums, and will be missed by many.

Note that the position of President will remain vacant until the next general meeting.

With all the best for 2018.

Eddie Robinson

Chairman

Fulham Horticultural Society



Fulham Horticultural Society

Affiliated to



Royal Horticultural Society

National Vegetable Society

British Pelargonium and Geranium Society

The Committee wish to record their thanks to the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham and St Etheldreda's Church.

Special thanks to all members for their donations and to the Exhibitors for their help.

In the forthcoming shows the Show Committee is asking exhibitors wherever possible in the vegetable and main flower classes to name the varieties. This, we think, will be of great interest to others and particularly to visitors to the shows. Cards will be available for this purpose. Any problem you may have please come and ask us.

Try to interest your friends in the Society and encourage others to exhibit at the shows. Fulham Horticultural Society is the last remaining horticultural society in central London. Help us to keep it thriving.

Fulham Horticultural Society

Officers

President - Vacant*

Chairman

Mr E Robinson, 28 Atwood Road, W6 OHX
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Honorary Secretary

Julian Peach, Alex Ellerington, Nicole Coleman

Acting Treasurer

Eddie Robinson

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Charles Dowson, Nicole Coleman

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Committee

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*Please refer to chairman's letter

The Society's trophies and winners 2017

THE COBB CHALLENGE CUP*

Awarded for the Highest Total points for Horticulture at all shows
Winners were: 2017 Mr S. Whitten
2016 Mr C. Dowson
2015 Not Awarded

THE HILL MEMORIAL CUP*

Awarded for the second Highest points for Horticulture at all shows
Winners were: 2017 Mr C. Dowson
2016 Fulham Palace
Volunteers
2015 Mr S. Whitten

*No exhibitor may win these cups more than once in every three successive years.

THE COLLINS MEMORIAL CUP

Mr J. Summers

Awarded for the highest total points in the Dahlia Classes at all shows

THE FREDERICK HOARE CUP

Mr C. Dowson

For the highest total points in the vegetable classes at all the shows

THE BARRY TINSLEY CUP

Mr S. Whitten

For the highest total points in the Chrysanthemum, classes at all shows

THE VINEYARD TROPHY

Mr's E. Robinson and A. Ellerington

Awarded for the best exhibit in the fruit class at the Autumn show

THE BEATRICE HUNT

Not Awarded

MEMORIAL CUP

For the highest total points in the Pot Plant classes at all shows

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON

MEMORIAL ROSE BOWL

Mrs K. Dowson

Awarded for the highest total points in the Rose classes at all shows

THE SPRING SHEILD

Not Awarded

Awarded for the best exhibit
for horticulture at the Spring show

THE FLORAL ART CUP

Not Awarded Awarded for the highest

total points in floral art at all shows

THE HOLT CUP

Mr I. Richardson

Awarded for the best set of Three Photographs in the Photograph Competition

THE GODDARD

MEMORIAL VASE

Ms S. Morphet and N. Coleman

Awarded for the highest total points in the Domestic Classes at all shows

THE WENDY SALMON CUP

Not Awarded

Awarded for the best pot grown tomato plant at the summer show

THE DENNIS CUP

Not Awarded

Awarded for the best allotment in the allotments competition

THE GORDON FIELD TROPHY

Not Awarded

Awarded for the best collection of vegetables at the summer show

THE TOMS MEMORIAL CUP

Mrs S. Pitcher

Awarded for the best exhibit in show

THE COVERDALE CUP

Mr S. Whitten

Awarded for the best exhibit in the flower
and pot plant sections in the summer show

THE GADSDEN CUP

Not Awarded

Awarded for the highest total points for
novices in the floral art sections at all shows

Saturday 8th September 2018

At St. Etheldreda's Church Hall, Cloncurry Street, SW6

Open to the public - 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

Staging 10.00am to 12.00noon.

Please visit www.liapod.co.uk/fhs for tips on showing

Classes

1. Chrysanthemums, Incurved or Intermediate, 2 blooms, 1 variety.
2. Chrysanthemums, Reflex, 2 blooms, 1 variety.
3. Chrysanthemums, Incurved or Intermediate, 1 bloom.
4. Chrysanthemums, Reflex, 1 bloom.
5. Chrysanthemums, 3 Stems.
6. Dahlias, under 50mm (2"), 3 blooms.
7. Dahlias, 50 – 100mm (2" – 4"), 3 blooms.
8. Dahlias, 100 – 150mm (4" – 6"), 3 blooms.
9. Dahlias, 150 – 200mm (6" – 8"), 1 bloom.
10. Dahlias, Single, 3 blooms.
11. Dahlias, Mixed, 5 blooms.
12. Roses, 2 stems any variety.
13. Flowers, 1 kind, not specified elsewhere.
14. Vase of mixed flowers.
15. Pot Plant, Cactus or Succulent.
16. Pot Plant, Fuchsia.
17. Pot Plant, Zonal Pelargonium (double or single).
18. Pot Plant, Ivy Leafed Pelargonium.
19. Pot Plant, Scented Leaf Pelargonium.
20. Pot Plant, Flower, (not specified elsewhere).
21. Pot Plant, Foliage.
- (Classes 15 to 22 maximum pot size 180mm (7")).**
22. Dwarf Sunflower in pot.
23. Brussel Sprouts, 9.
24. Leeks, 3 (top trimmed).
25. Lettuce, 2 with root.
26. Onions, 3 (up to 250g/8ozs).

27. Onions, 3 (over 250g/9ozs).
28. Shallots, 9 under 30mm (1").
29. Shallots, 9 over 30mm (1")
30. Tomatoes, 5, Cherry.
31. Tomatoes, 5, any other kind.
32. Celery, 2 (roots trimmed).
33. Parsnips, 3 (with 80mm (3") tops).
34. Potatoes, 5 white, 1 variety.
35. Potatoes, 5 coloured, 1 variety.
36. Potatoes, 5 white, 1 variety, 5 coloured, 1 variety.
(to be staged on one dish).
37. Carrots, 3 with 80mm [3"] tops, stump root.
38. Carrots, 3 with 80mm [3"] tops, long root.
39. Beetroot, 3 with 80mm [3"] tops, globe root.
40. Beetroot, 3 with 80mm [3"] tops, long root.
41. Marrow, 1 heaviest.
42. Marrow, 1 not over 300mm [12"].
43. Marrow, 1 over 300mm [12"].
44. Courgette, 1.
45. Beans runner, 9 pods.
46. Beans runner, longest.
47. Cabbage, 2 with 50mm stalks.
48. Collection of Vegetables, 5 different kinds.**
49. A small vase of fresh mixed Herbs (max. 150mm diameter vase).
50. Cauliflower, 50mm root, 1.
51. Any other Vegetable.**
52. Rhubarb, 3 sticks trimmed.
53. Peppers, 4.
54. Cucumber ridge, 1.
55. Cucumber any other variety, 1.
56. Fruit - choose one from; bunch of grapes, 10 raspberries.
57. Apples, 3.
58. Any other fruit (not grapes, raspberries or apples)

Vineyard Trophy

Domestic

- 57. Jar of jam. (*stone fruit*)
- 58. Jar of chutney.
- 59. Pear and almond tart ***
- 60. Victoria sponge ***
- 61. A loaf of fresh bread

Handicraft (*All own work*)

- 62. Needlework
- 63. Christmas bookmark in any medium.
- 64. A knitted scarf.
- 65. Photograph(s) of 'The Spirit of Autumn'

Floral Art

Please telephone 07771 547 193 if interested.

Junior Classes (*All own work, under 16*)

- 66. Christmas card.
- 67. Vegetable celebrity

Entrance fees and booking entries:

Members, non members and open classes, each entry 50p.

Juniors, each entry 20p. Individual class numbers must be stated.

Entries to be emailed - charlesdowson@aol.com

or telephoned: 07771 547 193

Last entries 8pm Thursday prior to show. Floral Art on Wednesday.

**Late entries, except Floral Art, will be accepted until 11.00am on show day.*

***See rules section for vegetable collection requirements.*

****Recipe at back of handbook.*

Rules of the Fulham Horticultural Society

1. Name of Society

The society shall be known as the Fulham Horticultural Society.

2. Objects

The objects of this society are:

- a. To encourage and assist in the cultivation of flowers and vegetables.
- b. To organise shows, Garden Competitions, Exhibitions and Lectures
- c. To organise social activities amongst the members

3. Officers

The officers of the society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Assistant Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Show Secretary and Honorary Public Relations Officer. They shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to hold office for the ensuing year, except the President who shall be elected for a period of three years only, with no two successive terms of office. All other officers are eligible for re-election. The officers of President and Vice President shall be restricted to persons who have rendered distinguishing service in furthering the objects of the Society and who's names are submitted to the Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the committee.

4. Committee

The management of the Societies affairs shall be vested in the committee which shall consist of the Officers of the society and other members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to serve for the ensuing year. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt any member of the society to fill the unexpired period of any vacancy arising through resignation or any other cause. The Committee shall have the power to appoint from its members such Sub-Committees as it may deem necessary.

5. Committee meeting

The committee shall meet as often as may deem necessary the quorum for the transaction of business shall be five members.

6. Membership

Membership shall be open to all residents living within a five mile radius of the Old Town Hall Fulham Broadway. The minimum annual subscription shall be reviewed and fixed every year at the Annual General Meeting and be due and payable on the 1st January in each year. Members shall be entitled to vote at any General Meeting of the Society and shall have the privilege of exhibiting at or competitions.

All members are eligible for election to any office in the society.

7. Conduct of members

The Committee shall have the power to expel any member of the Society whose conduct in the opinion of the committee is considered prejudicial to the interest of the Society. This power shall be exercised only on a two-thirds majority vote of the committee members present at the meeting convened for this purpose at which the members concerned shall have the right to attend, and if expelled, shall have the right of appeal at the next Annual General Meeting.

8. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held in October or November of each year to receive the reports of the Committee, to approve and adopt the audited accounts made up to 30th October, to elect the Officers, members of the committee and two Auditors for the ensuing year and to transact any other general business. Eight members shall form a quorum. Notice of the meeting shall be served on all members not less than 21 days prior to the date of the meeting. No member shall cast more than one vote at any such meeting.

Junior members are ineligible to vote until their sixteenth birthday.

9. Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting of the Society shall be convened at any time by the Honorary Secretary on the receipt by him of a requisition in writing signed by not less than seven members, specifying precisely the business to be dealt with. The notice of such a meeting shall be served on all members not less than one month prior to the date of the meeting and shall specify in precise terms the business to be discussed. No other business of any kind can be discussed or transacted at any Special General Meeting. Members shall form a quorum. No member shall cast more than one vote at any such meeting.

10. Alteration of rules

Notice of any proposed alteration to the Rules must be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary not less than one month before the date of the Annual General meeting, stating the proposed amendment in precise terms. The proposed alteration must be notified to all members not less than 21 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting at which it is proposed. No rule or part of a rule, shall be altered or amended otherwise than at a General Annual Meeting of the Society.

11. Affiliations

The Society shall be affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society and to any other Societies or Organisations which the Committee may consider desirable.

Rules for all shows

1. Classes are open to all residents who plant and tend their gardens or allotments within a five mile radius of Fulham Old Town Hall, without paid help and who do not obtain their livelihood, or part thereof, from horticulture. All exhibits must have been in the possession of the Exhibitor at least two months prior to the show.(Domestic classes and Floral Art excepted). Handicraft: No exhibit shall be allowed that has been shown at previous Society show. Any member who moves outside the 5 mile radius and wishes to retain membership is eligible to compete in all shows.
2. All entries must be made on the official entry form. Entries for Floral Art Classes must be received by the Show Secretary not later than Wednesday, all other classes by Thursday prior to the Show. Telephone entries until 8pm.
3. Entrance fees members each entry 50p. Individual class numbers must be stated.
4. Exhibit cards will be supplied by the society, and these must be placed downwards by or under the exhibit.
5. For the purpose of the shows Antirrhinums and Petunias will be classed as annuals.
6. The Judge's decision will be final.
7. Exhibitors may use the vases which the society now owns, or provide their own vases, tops of vases not to exceed vase 150mm (6") diameter. Milk bottles, jam jars or similar container are not allowed.
8. No exhibitor may stage more than one exhibit in any class.
9. All foliage must be the natural foliage of the exhibit. All foliage must be home grown, except in Floral Art Classes.
10. No unauthorised person will be allowed in the hall during judging.
11. The Judges are empowered to withhold an award, or awards, in any class if the exhibits are unworthy.
12. The exact number of flowers or vegetables must be shown, and no flowers may be wired, pot plants excepted.
13. No exhibit may be removed from the hall until after the distribution of prizes. All exhibits remaining after half-an-hour of the end of the prize distribution will be disposed of by the Committee for the benefit of the Society.

14. An exhibitor found showing produce not grown in accordance with Rule 1 will be disqualified from winning a prize or award at any show and will be expelled from the Society, non-members automatically barred.
15. An exhibitor winning a prize or award must on receipt of 24 hours notice from the Show Secretary allow an official of the Society to view the plant from which the winning exhibit was taken in its growing state.
16. The committee, whilst exercising reasonable care, cannot accept responsibility for loss of, or damage to, exhibitors' property.
17. The committee shall have the power to interpret these rules and to adjudicate on any matter in connection with any show.
18. Protests must be made in writing with a deposit of 50p, to the show Secretary, within one hour after the show opens to the public.
Deposit will be refunded if protest is upheld.
19. All Shows are judged under R.H.S. and N.A.F.A.S. rules.
20. Only society members are eligible to compete for the society Trophies. All trophies must be cleaned polished and returned to the Show Secretary (address at the front of this book) or other agreed venue.
21. Points - First = 4; Second = 3; Third = 2; H.C. = 1
22. A Novice is a Competitor who has not won first prize at any previous show. Floral Art: one who has not won two first prizes.
23. Preserves includes Marmalade, Jams, Curds and Bottled fruit.
24. Prizes at all shows are: First £1.

Vegetable Collection Requirements

The following list shows the number of each variety of vegetables and herbs to be exhibited in collection and the maximum number of points which each different vegetable collects. A collection must be staged in or on one container.

Quantity required for

Show	Collection	Points	Show	Collection	Points
1	Cauliflower	20	1	Cabbage	15
3	Carrot	20	9	Dwarf Beans	15
3	Leeks	20	2	Fennel	15
3	Onions	20	2	Garlic Bulbs	15
2	Parsnips	20	2	Lettuce	15
9	Pods of Peas	20	4	Peppers	15
5	Potatoes	20	12	Shoots of Broccoli	15
5	Tomatoes	20	2	Swedes	15
2	Aubergine	18	2	Sweetcorn	15
2	Celeriac	18	2	Turnips	15
2	Celery	18	4	Courgettes	12
2	Cucumbers	18	2	Kale	12
1	Marrow	18	10	Leaves spinach	12
9	Runner Beans	18	3	Sticks of Rhubarb	12
9	Shallots	18	10	Green salad onions	10
2	Artichokes	15	1	Pumpkin inc squash	10
3	Beetroot	15	10	Radish	10
9	Broad Beans	15		150mm vase of herbs	10
9	Brussel Sprouts	15			

Pear and Almond Tart

Ingredients

For the poached pears 4 pears (Williams are good)

About 300ml water

1 vanilla pod, split

1 cinnamon stick

250g caster sugar

For the sweet pastry

80g unsalted butter

130g plain flour, plus extra for dusting

Pinch of salt

30g sugar

1 free-range egg yolk

1 tbsp water

For the almond cream

125g softened unsalted butter

125g caster sugar

125g ground almonds

3 medium free-range eggs

2 tbsp rum

To finish

Apricot jam warmed with a little water

1 tbsp sliced almonds

1. **For the pears:** Pour 300ml of water into a large pan and add the vanilla pod, cinnamon stick and sugar. Bring to the boil, then add the pears and simmer them for 20 minutes. Leave to cool then chop into slices. You can do all this the day before making the tart if you like.

2. **For the pastry:** Sift the flour and a pinch of salt, place them on the work surface and make a well in the centre. Add the butter and sugar and gently work together with your fingertips. Add the egg yolk and gradually draw in the flour, adding a few drops of water as you go. When all the flour has been incorporated, shape the dough into a ball, but do not overwork it. Wrap the pastry in cling film and refrigerate for at least 2 hours before using.

3. **For the almond cream:** Whisk the butter and sugar until pale, then add the ground almonds. Whisk in the eggs, one at a time, and finally the rum.

4. Preheat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Roll out the pastry on a floured surface to a thickness of about 3mm and use it to line a greased 28cm flan tin. Prick the pastry base with a fork, line it with greaseproof paper and fill with baking beans, then bake blind for 20 minutes. Remove the paper and beans and put the pastry back into the oven for another 5 minutes or until the base has cooked but not taken on too much colour. Leave the oven on.

5. Spoon the almond cream into the tart base, then arrange the sliced, drained pears on top, with the pointed ends towards the centre. Bake in the preheated oven for 40 minutes.

6. When the tart is cooked, warm some apricot jam with a little water and brush it over the surface. Sprinkle the tart with toasted sliced almonds and serve warm.

Victoria Sponge

Ingredients

For the cake:

- 3 medium eggs
- 175g (6oz) butter, softened
- 175g (6oz) caster sugar
- 175g (6oz) self-raising flour

For the filling:

- 142ml carton double cream
- 4-6 level tablespoons raspberry jam
- caster sugar, for dredging
- 2 x 18cm (7in) round sandwich tins, greased and base lined with baking parchment

(see next page for method)

Method

Tip all the ingredients into a bowl and beat until smooth. Divide mixture between the sandwich tins and level the surfaces.

Bake the cakes in the centre of a preheated oven - 180°C/350°F/Gas Mark 4 for 20-25 mins, or until the cakes have risen and are golden, and spring back when lightly pressed in the centre.

Remove the cakes from the oven and leave them to cool in the tins for 5-10 mins, then turn them out on to a wire rack and leave them to cool completely.

Spread the jam over the base of one of the cakes. Lightly whip the double cream and spread it over the base of the other cake. Sandwich the two cakes together. Dredge with caster sugar before serving.

The unfilled Victoria sponge cakes can be packed in freezer bags and frozen for up to 3 months.

Allow to defrost before filling.

We really value your support, it enables the society to:

Offer our member's access to The Pelargonium Society, National Vegetable Society and Royal Horticultural Society quarterly magazines and advice lines.

Offer group discounts to RHS Wisley.

Let members have access to website that is full of helpful hints, tips and recipes plus photos from members.

Keep the oldest and only remaining Horticultural Society in inner London thriving.

Support the local community with links to a charity for homeless people who will benefit from the sale of our surplus produce.

Provide a forum for all of the community whose interest is in gardening and growing. You do not have to have an allotment and you can be very old or very young (or anywhere in between!)

Provide monthly newsletters

Let members showcase their produce and home crafts in three annual shows, with prize money to the winners.

Hold a prize giving day where members can win trophies and gift vouchers for accumulation of points over the three shows.

Members receive discounted rates to exhibit at the shows.

Thank you for supporting the Fulham Horticultural Society, your membership fees are working hard to enable this brilliant Society to last for years to come.

It is a great way to meet other likeminded community friends!

It is our policy to request discounts for our members with any new garden centres in the area.





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